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SUBJECT: PDRY DOWNING OF IRANIAN PHANTOM

1. DURING DEC. 8 CONVERSATION, PRESIDENT AL-HAMDY INFORMED ME THAT ACCORDING TO RELIABLE INFORMATION REACHING SANA THE IRANIAN PHANTOM WHICH RECENTLY CRASHED IN PDRY WAS DOWNED BY A MISSILE. AL-HAMDY DID NOT IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF MISSILE BUT WENT ON TO SAY IT WAS EQUIPMENT PROVIDED PDRY BY THE SOVIETS.

2. COMMENT: RECENT REPORT FROM LONDON STATED PHANTOM WAS BROUGHT DOWN BY MACHINE GUN FIRE. IF AL-HAMDY'S INFORMATION PLUS OTHER UNCONFIRMED REPORTS ABOUT SAM 7S AND POSSIBLY EVEN SAM 3S IN PDRY ARE CORRECT, THIS WOULD POINT TO MORE SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT IN PDRY THAN HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. IN ANY EVENT, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO ADVISE THE IRANIANS THAT PDRY MAY WELL POSSESS POTENTIALLY MORE EFFECTIVE AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT THAN MACHINE GUNS.

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